

WHAT WILL THE BENEFITS OF THE NEW SECURE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID PROGRAM BE?

The new Secure Driver's License and Identification (ID) Card Program is a nationwide effort mandated by the federal government to improve the integrity and security of all driver's licenses and ID cards.

The goals of this new program are to reduce identity theft, make it more difficult for criminals to obtain false identities, protect your personal information, and help fight terrorism.

Since state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards serve so many purposes, oftentimes criminals and terrorists actively seek to obtain them for fraudulent purposes.

If you are first time, renewal, or duplicate applicant for a driver's license or ID card, you are required to bring one proof of identity, one proof of Social Security number, and two proofs of West Virginia residency with your name and physical address.

Additionally, if your name has ever changed, you are required to provide legal name change documents showing the link between names. DMV must be able to establish a name connection between all proof documents provided.

All documents provided will be securely scanned and returned to you so DMV will have a historical record of who you are, and you will have additional protection against identity theft.

With this new program being implemented nationwide, we will have more reliable safeguards against terrorism and identity theft while still maintaining individual privacy. Specific benefits include:

- *Cutting down on identity fraud by using the latest technology to produce tamper-proof licenses and ID cards.*
- *Making it easier for law enforcement officials to detect documents that have been falsified because of multiple layers of added security features.*
- *Aiding in safeguarding personal information.*
- *Making it more difficult to tamper with or create counterfeit driver's licenses and ID cards.*
- *Aiding law enforcement officials in identifying persons who are not here legally.*

In addition to enhancing the security on all WV licenses and ID cards, you now have the option to choose a license or ID card that is certified as REAL ID compliant for federal use. These cards stand out by containing a gold star on the face of the card. This indicates the card meets full Federal requirements for use at airports and other designated federal facilities across the country.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you are applying for a West Virginia driver's license and are transferring from another state, you must provide your valid out-of-state license. If your driver's license is lost or stolen, you are responsible for providing a certified driving record from your previous state, no older than 30 days from the date of application.

If you are a Commercial Driver's License or Graduated Driver's License applicant, you are required to provide additional forms and documents.

For questions or details on any additional forms or documents that may be required before you can obtain your license, please contact the DMV.

CONTACT US!

Before you visit the DMV, be sure you have everything you need to get your driver's license or ID card.

Call us at **1-800-642-9066**, and we will be happy to answer any of your DMV questions, or visit our website at **www.dmv.wv.gov**.

For specific licensing information go to: **www.dmv.wv.gov/drivers-licenses**

Understanding THE NEW SECURE DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS



Documents Required for the **New SECURE** DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The new driver's license and ID card requirements are Federally mandated by the **REAL ID Act of 2005**. This means, if you are a first time, duplicate, or renewal applicant for a driver's license or ID card, you are required to provide ONE proof of identity document, ONE proof of Social Security number document, TWO proofs of West Virginia residency documents with name and physical address, and proof of legal name change documents if your name has ever changed.

Proof of Identity

(You must provide ONE)

- U.S. Birth Certificate: An original or certified copy of a United States-issued birth certificate (U.S. Department of State and U.S. Military birth certificates ARE acceptable. Hospital birth certificates are NOT acceptable)
- Valid, unexpired U.S. Passport or Official U.S. Passport Card
- If foreign born, valid, unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Documents

Proof of Social Security Number

(You must provide ONE)

- Original Social Security Card
- Original Wage and Tax Statement (W-2) or payroll stub with the applicant's employer name and employer ID number, as well as the applicant's name, address, and Social Security Number. A photocopy of a W-2 is not acceptable. (You may use the same W-2 as your ONE required proof of Social Security Number as well as ONE of the TWO required proofs of WV residency if the W-2 is not more than 18 months old)
- SSA/1099 Form (Social Security Benefit Form)

Proof of WV Residency

(You Must provide TWO from List B or ONE from List B and ONE from List C)

Be advised that Post Office Box addresses cannot be used as proof of WV Residency.

List B

- WV utility bills (not more than 60 days old)
- Tax records with a WV street address
- WV mortgage documents, WV homeowner insurance documents for a WV residence or proof of WV home ownership
- WV W-2 form that is not more than 18 months old (the same W-2 may be used as your ONE required proof of Social Security Number)
- WV weapons permit
- A Valid WV Motor Vehicles registration card
- WV voter's registration card
- WV driver's eligibility certificate (School Enrollment Form) if applicant is under age 18 with the applicant's WV street address
- WV Homestead Tax exemption
- Proof of WV Public Assistance
- Residential rental or lease agreement
- WV DMV Affidavit of West Virginia Residency

List C

- College admissions letter that shows the applicant is an in-state resident
- Letter from any of the below offices that show the applicant has been a WV resident at their facility and that shows the current physical address. Letterhead is preferred, but not required:
 - WV Homeless Shelter, Hotel, or Job Corp.
 - WV Senior Citizens Home
 - WV Rehabilitation Center
 - WV Nursing Home
 - WV Children's Home, Orphanage, or Shelter
 - WV Battered Women's Shelter
- Benefits letter from WV Health and Human Resources
- Check stub from any WV employer that shows a current physical address (cannot be hand written).
- Social Security benefits letter
- WV Professional License
- Letter from the applicant's employer stating that all utility and house arrangements are provided by the employer
- United States Selective Service card
- Letter from the US Post Office that shows a new, physical, WV address assigned by the Post Office for the applicant
- WV Dealer temporary registration card
- WV Bank Statement, Auto Insurance or Hunting License
- License Plate or Driver's License renewal form
- 911 letter

If Your Legal Name Has Ever Changed You Must Provide the Following Proof:

Certified Marriage Certificate (Souvenir documents or Minister's copies are not acceptable), Certified Copy of a Birth Certificate, Court Order, or Divorce Decree(s) showing your legal name change.

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What happens if I choose a card for "Federal Identification Use" instead of a card that is "Not for Federal Identification Use" ?

A: The documents you are required to provide are the same. However, if you choose a license or ID card that is for federal identification use you will leave the DMV with a 60 day temporary card. Your federal use card will arrive first class mail in approximately 15 business days.

Q: I have a Marriage License or document that acknowledges that I am married, but it does not have the exact words "Certified Marriage Certificate" across the top. Can I use this in place of a Certified Marriage Certificate?

*A: If you have a document that **certifies** your marriage took place and that the agency which issued the document **has recorded it**, it may be acceptable. To be sure, call ahead at 1-800-642-9066 for clarification.*

Q: I came in after January 3, 2012 and renewed my driver's license, but I have lost it. Do I need to bring in all of these documents again to get a duplicate license?

A: As long as DMV already has your scanned documents on file, and you have not had a name change since your last issuance, you will only be required to bring in one proof of residency when you apply for your duplicate license or ID.

For more frequently asked questions, visit www.dmv.wv.gov/SLFAQ